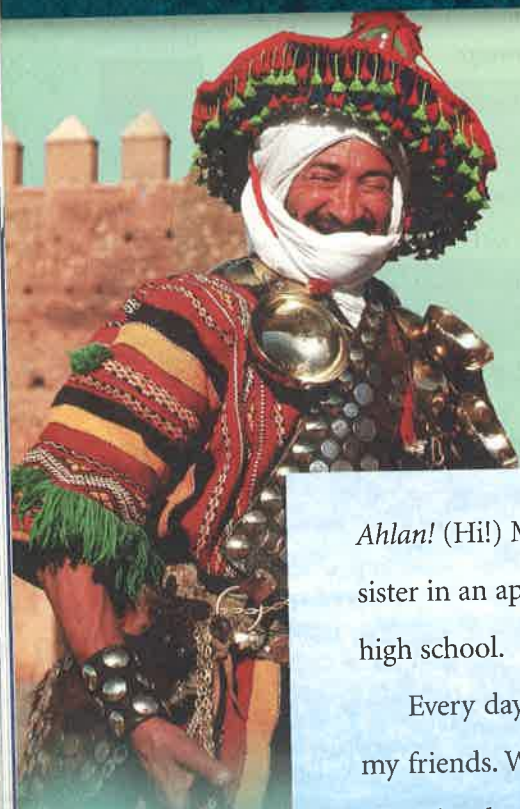


North Africa



Moroccan water seller

North Africa includes Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, and Western Sahara, which is occupied by Morocco. The culture and politics of the region are closely tied to Southwest Asia and Europe.



Pendant from Algeria

Ahlan! (Hi!) My name is Shaimaa, and I am 18. I live with my mother and my little sister in an apartment about one hour from downtown Cairo. I am in my third year of high school.

Every day but Friday, I get up at 7:00 A.M., drink a glass of milk, and then meet my friends. We travel to school together on the metro (mass transit). My school is an all-girls school. I am in the humanities and social sciences track, so I am studying philosophy, psychology, Arabic, English, and history, my favorite. We all have religious education in school also—I study Islam with the other Muslim girls while the Christian girls meet with their religious teacher. At about 3:00 P.M., I get home from school, eat a big lunch of chicken and vegetables, and sleep for a couple of hours. When I wake up, I have a lot of homework—about six hours' worth. At 10:00 P.M., we have another small meal of cheese, yogurt, or beans before bedtime.

On Fridays I go to movies with my girlfriends and walk along the Nile River, or I stay home and listen to music. Sometimes I take a taxi to the beach with my family. For big holidays, we go to the mosque very early in the morning. Then we go to my grandmother's house with my 12 aunts and uncles and 16 cousins! After Ramadan (an Islamic holy month), we put on our new clothes and go around to all my relatives' houses, where we get presents of new money.



Natural Environments

READ TO DISCOVER

1. What landform regions are found in North Africa?
2. What factors influence the region's climates?
3. What natural resources does the region have?

WHY IT MATTERS

North Africa is part of the world's largest desert region. Use cnnfyi.com or other **current events** sources to learn about the cultures, landscapes, and ways of life in very dry places.

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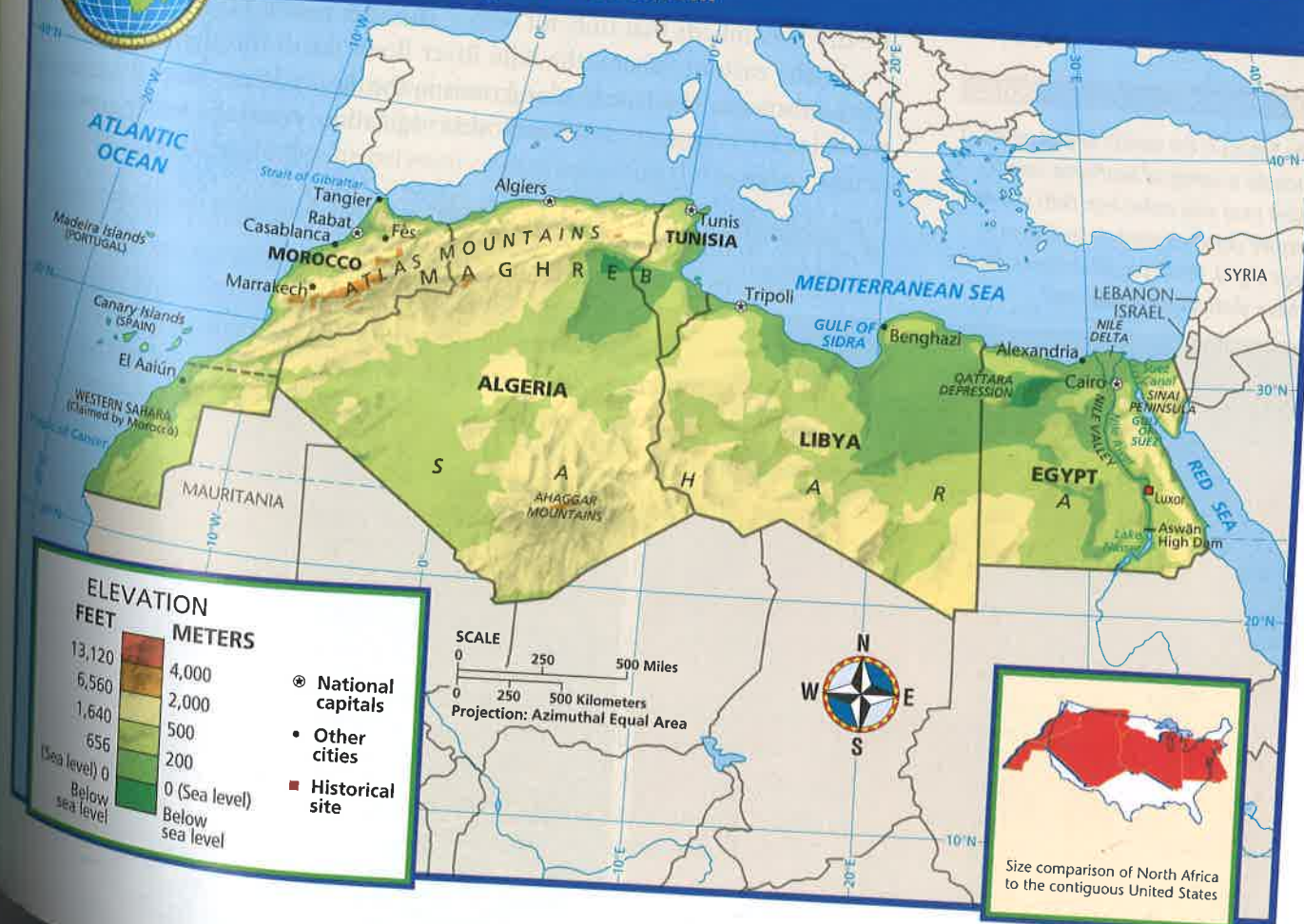
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LOCATE

Atlantic Ocean	Sahara
Red Sea	Qattara Depression
Mediterranean Sea	Nile River
Atlas Mountains	Strait of Gibraltar



North Africa: Physical-Political



The World in Spatial Terms

Africa: Political

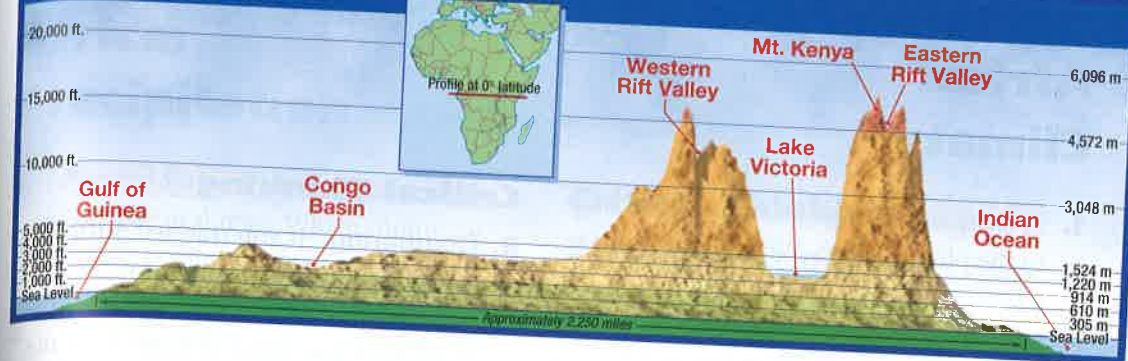
- Places and Regions** Where are the capitals of Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya located?
- The World in Spatial Terms** How many landlocked countries are there in Africa? How many island countries are there?

Critical Thinking

- Analyzing Information** Compare this map to the physical map. Why do you think Namibia's northeastern boundary is shaped the way it is?



Elevation Profile



Africa: Physical

